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SUBJECT: RR-11AA Transistor Receiver Development

1. On 7 May 1954 a meeting was held with members of TSS and the
The following were in attendance:

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2. [] were able to participate 25X1

briefly prior to their departure for the Research and Development Production Review Board Meeting. [] briefly outlined our plans for 25X1
utilizing the RR-11AA receiver as a replacement for the RS-11A receiver with our final goal being the replacement of the RS-11A transmitter by a transistorized transmitter. The Air Force in turn explained that they had similar interests and were planning in the not so distant future to develop similar equipment. After this brief exchange of future planning, Mr. [] and [] departed for their scheduled meeting. 25X125X1

3. Copies of the RR-11AA Specification were shown to all present and the Air Force indicated that this receiver fairly well described the type of unit they were planning on. They further indicated regret that they had no early warning of our development program. It is my understanding that they became informed of our program by [] who has just completed a transistor development program for the Air Force Physiological Warfare Group. 25X1
[] of course learned of our intended development when they received our request for proposal. Apparently assuming that we were the same group who were sponsoring with the Air Force this other development, [] 25X1
a contractual representative of [], indicated to the Air Force that they were not interested in undertaking any further development of transistor equipment but rather they were now interested in production. It is my understanding, however, that before [] can go into production they 25X1
anticipated a program of production development similar to our intended program of the RR-11AA. From this it is apparent that the lab did not understand the intent of our development program. I should like to point out,

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however, that subsequent to []' indication of no interest in the RR-11AA program [] was contacted again to ask whether they would like to discuss a possible proposal with representatives of this Agency. The lab stated at this time that they had no interest and would not submit a proposal.

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4. [] briefly reviewed our specifications and indicated that this was very similar to equipment they desired. They further indicated that their proposed production would amount of approximately 20,000 units. [] apparently felt that the only company who could produce equipment for their needs was [] and lamented the fact that we had not informed them of our plans. I indicated that we had requested proposals from several other companies who we felt were well qualified in the transistor field. I further indicated that I felt certain that we would be happy to consider any recommendations they might have for the development of the RR-11AA and that this development could result in an equipment which would be useful for both Agencies. [] seemed to consider this a reasonable proposal; however, Major Keating's reaction was once again to lament their lack of knowledge of this development program and indicated that [] should be the developing company. He did however request a copy of the development specification with which he was supplied.

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5. The meeting concluded with the Air Force indication that they would review our specifications and determine whether they had an interest in the program. I indicated that we undoubtedly would go ahead and initiate this program with our current fiscal year funds. Further liaison with the members of the [] is now contingent upon their contacting us relative to any interest they might have.

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